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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated January 8, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Claims 1, 3-18 and 21 remain pending in this application. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims, which are reflected in the listing of claims beginning at page 2 and the Remarks begin on page 6.